

In the Specification

The following paragraph replaces the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 10 after
“CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:” in the specification of the
application:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS: This application is also related
to: U.S. Patent Application ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ 10/659,129 filed September 10, 2003, entitled,
“METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INTEGRATING PRIMARY DATA STORAGE WITH
LOCAL AND REMOTE DATA PROTECTION” U.S. Patent Application ~~XX/XXX,XXX~~
10/658,978 filed September 10, 2003, entitled “METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TWO-
LEVEL STORAGE SYSTEM TO PROVIDE SECURE, SHARED AND SCALABLE
DISTRIBUTED DATA STORAGE AND PROTECTION;” and U.S. Patent Application
~~XX/XXX,XXX~~ 10/659,128 filed September 10, 2003, entitled “METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR MANAGING DATA INTEGRITY OF BACKUP AND DISASTER RECOVERY DATA”
each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.